

RIVEN TO THEIR FATE.

World's Fair Firemen Need Not Have Died, Says Mr. Skinner.

Cold Storage Employees Warned Them Against the Tower.

Advice of Those Who Knew Spurred by Department Officers.

CHICAGO, July 17.—John R. Skinner, President of the Hercules Iron Works, the company owning the cold storage building burned last Monday, says:

"There was absolutely no excuse for the loss of a single life. The firemen were informed by our employees that there was a fire below before they went up into the tower, and the danger was pointed out when there was plenty of time to order down such as were already up."

"Among those who warned them and who were ready to testify to the fact is Walter M. Donaldson, the office manager of the business part of the storage and ice department. He went into the tower and fully informed himself of the state of the fire before the firemen arrived."

"As soon as the firemen arrived he hurried up to the top of the building and told them of the fire below. He asked the Captain to drop a hose below and turn the hose on the fire in the lower part of the tower. He emphasized and repeated his statement that the tower was the place to fight the fire. Captain Fitzpatrick answered with an oath, 'I am running this thing.'"

"Fitzpatrick was trying at the time to carry three hoses up at once and was not making headway. Notwithstanding this, Donaldson, appreciating the situation and the necessity for great haste, begged him to get up one at a time. Captain Fitzpatrick answered with an oath, 'I am running this thing.'"

"A. J. Branch, one of our men, also asked Captain Fitzpatrick to drop a hose from the tower and fight the fire which was already there. The Captain for an answer replied, 'I am running this thing.'"

"Mr. Skinner, the architect, was one who also advised the men of the danger and told them the fire was below before they went up, and begged them to drop a hose from the tower. He stated that he had seen the fire in the lower part of the tower and told him what I state here."

GIRL CAPTIVE AMONG TRAMPS.

Unless Somebody Has Been Fooled by This Note in a Bottle.

SCHUYLER, N. Y., July 17.—Fannie Pratt, an attractive young girl of this place, is thought to be held a prisoner by tramps on an island in the Platte River. It is said that a telephone message was received by G. H. Wells, the Postmaster, stating that a bottle had been found floating in the Missouri River, near Schuyler, which contained a letter reading thus:

"If anybody should find this paper, come to a little island north of the Pratt farm, an attractive young girl of this place, is thought to be held a prisoner by tramps on an island in the Platte River. It is said that a telephone message was received by G. H. Wells, the Postmaster, stating that a bottle had been found floating in the Missouri River, near Schuyler, which contained a letter reading thus:

"The matter was at once placed in the hands of Sheriff Kreger, who deputized several citizens to search for the girl. The island supposed to be the one designated in the letter. No trace could be found of any living being, but a bottle was found, which contained a letter referring to further investigations will be made."

SLASHED WITH A RAZOR.

Two Brothers Injured, One Seriously, Who May Die.

SOUTH MOUNT VERNON, N. Y., July 17.—This village was the scene last night of a stabbing affray that will probably result in the death of Antonio Roebuck, an Italian, aged nineteen years.

He was slashed twice with a razor by Michael Lanzoni, once across the cheek, laying it open to the jawbone, and once, the more serious wound, in the groin.

Charles Roebuck, a brother of the wounded man, in trying to rescue him from being murdered, was seriously cut on the hands and arms.

Antonio Roebuck was removed to the Mount Vernon Hospital, Lanzoni fled, but was captured by Sgt. Beckwith, of the Mount Vernon Police, as he was about to take a train to New York City.

HARVESTER MEN WON'T COMPETE.

Say Mr. Thatcher's Medals Would Do Them No Good.

CHICAGO, July 17.—All but one of the exhibitors of harvesting machinery at the World's Fair have decided not to compete in the field trials this week, in which John Roy Thatcher has made arrangements to win the prize.

They say that Thatcher's award system has been discredited all over the world, and that his medals would be of no value to them, while the expense of competing would be very great.

Furthermore, they claim that the place where the trials are to be held, having been used for a long time as a testing house in this line as a testing house for the machinery used on the farm, is not a fair place for the trials.

CHILD TO SUE MANHATTAN.

And He Will Cause the Arrest of the Guard Who Assaulted Him.

George B. Childs, the young insurance man, only recently from Philadelphia, who was so savagely assaulted yesterday at the City Hall station by Guard No. 370, of the Manhattan Elevated Road, consulted Howe & Hummel to-day for advice in securing redress.

Following the advice of the lawyers, Mr. Childs will procure a warrant for the ruffianly guard's arrest, and the fact that he is brought out at the hearing will be used as the basis for a civil suit for damages against the "L" road.

Wohlt Held Without Bail.

John Wohlt, seventeen, of 105 East Thirty-second street, who yesterday accidentally shot his cousin, Paul Neubauer, while examining a revolver, was held without bail by Justice Hogan in Yorkville court this morning on the charge of pulling in Central Park on Sunday.

RED SEA CONSIGNEES FOUND.

They Are Scharlach & Co., and May Have Suits to Defend.

Matron Strickland Taken Ill After Visiting the Vessel.

After Being Sentenced Spectators Secure Ill Discharge.

The steamer Red Sea, of unenvy notoriety, was an object of great interest as she lay at her dock at Woodruff's Stores, in Brooklyn, this morning.

Dr. Senner said, to an "Evening World" reporter to-day that Scharlach & Co., of 351 Grand street, have finally come forward and acknowledged themselves as the vessel's consignees. This simplifies matters, especially with regard to the friends of the ill-treated passengers, who came from Bremen on her, and who propose to bring suit for extortion, breach of contract and a few other matters.

Matron Strickland, who has passed some years in handling female immigrants from Central Europe, and also on Ellis Island, boarded the Red Sea yesterday. What she thinks of her condition cannot yet be learned, for the reason that she was taken deathly sick shortly after going on board the vessel.

The cause of Mrs. Strickland's illness may or may not have been the odors on the Red Sea. Her friends think it was. She is still confined to her home.

One Lieberman, who keeps a shop at 215 Livingston street, is in a state of mind to defend the detention of three of his children on Ellis Island, who arrived on the Red Sea. They are suffering from the effects of the cholera.

There are now on Ellis Island fifty passengers from the Red Sea. This number includes paupers, contract laborers and those affected with cholera. The Red Sea is discharging her cargo of passengers at the rate of about one hundred a day. They will be sent back as they have neither friends nor money.

MRS. LEAVITT'S ALIMONY SUIT.

Her Husband Secures a Delay Hoping to Procure a Settlement.

Argument on the motion of Mrs. Hattie Leavitt, wife of Theatrical Manager M. B. Leavitt, for counsel fee and alimony pending the trial of her suit for limited divorce against her husband, was postponed before Judge Gildersleeve, in Court Chambers, to-day until next Wednesday at 10 o'clock.

Abner Hummel, Mrs. Leavitt's counsel, was on hand, ready to go on with the case, but Leavitt's lawyer, Irving M. Dittenhofer, requested a postponement, stating that it was quite probable an amicable settlement of the matter would be reached at any time.

Mr. Hummel closed one eye and smiled at the prospect of a settlement. He said that he had seen the exhibits in the case, which will be produced in evidence if it comes to trial. It was a photograph of Mrs. Leavitt taken Jan. 21, 1892, and shows that lady with her plump neck and one arm exposed.

There are no less than twelve black and blue bruises on the arm, and three long parallel scratches, extending from the elbow down to the wrist.

Both were discharged.

An Italian Couple Quarrel and Wind Up in Court.

In the Tombs Police Court this morning Giovanni Brucki, who was arrested on the complaint of Philomena Cellardo, was discharged. The woman, who was taken into custody by Policeman Granice, of the Sixth Precinct, at the same time for creating a disturbance in Hester street, was also allowed to go.

The couple had been living together for some time. The woman alleged that he had grown tired of her and was about to desert her for a Jewish girl. She admitted having a husband and four children residing in Poughkeepsie. The Court ordered Brucki to return the woman's property before the couple were discharged.

WANTS A MANDAMUS.

Pratt Institute Claims to Be Free from Taxes.

Justice Cullen sitting in the Supreme Court, Brooklyn, this afternoon, heard a motion for a writ of mandamus to compel the assessors of the city of Brooklyn to cancel the county and city tax on the property of the Pratt Institute.

Jesse Johnson, who appeared for the Institute, said that under the laws of 1887 Pratt Institute was exempt from taxation on all its property to the extent of \$3,000,000. He said that this law had been passed in recognition of the fact that Pratt Institute was a charitable institution and a great benefit to the city of Brooklyn.

PUT \$500 IN A COFFEE CAN.

Maltz Has Gebhard Coenen Arrested on a Charge of Fraud.

Gebhard Coenen has been arrested by the sheriff in an action brought in the City Court by Robert Maltz to recover \$500, which he charged was obtained by a fraudulent scheme. Maltz answered Coenen's advertisement on May 8 for a "single, young, solid man," as partner in a manufacturing business.

Coenen represented that he owned a coffee roasting establishment in the Harlem Market called the "Arabian Coffee Company."

It is alleged that he said the profits were \$20,000 a week, and that there were no liabilities. He said he was willing to give him \$500, and was put in the hands of Maltz, who said that all of the representations were false.

Coenen's bail was fixed at \$500.

ABINGTON SQUARE CERCERS.

The Park Board Makes the Arrangements To-Day.

Arrangements have been made by the Park Board to give eight concerts in Abington Square during the summer, beginning about Aug. 1.

MAIDEN FALSELY ACCUSED.

Police Tried Hard to Convict Him of Disorderly Conduct.

After Being Sentenced Spectators Secure Ill Discharge.

John Madden, aged nineteen, and a waiter employed by the Downtown Association Club, was sent to the island for one month by Justice Koch in the Jefferson Market Police Court this morning in default of \$100 bail, in which he was held on the charge of disorderly conduct.

It is claimed by those who witnessed the arrest that Madden was innocent of misconduct and that the police lied to obtain his conviction.

Madden is given an excellent reputation at the place where he is employed and appears to be a well-behaved young man. He told a straightforward story in court this morning, but as the policeman who made the arrest was backed up by a roundsmen, who ordered him taken into custody, Madden was not believed.

Shortly after midnight this morning, a drunken woman and man were quarreling in a hallway on Sixth avenue, near Twenty-ninth street. Suddenly the woman began to cry "murder," and a crowd collected throughout the neighborhood on the opposite side of the street at the time, on his way home. He ran over with a stick and struck the woman on the head.

Policeman Edward Kent and a roundsmen, who were on duty at the time, came running up and pushing bystanders aside, demanded of the man and woman what was the matter. Madden, who was near the quarrelling couple, and was about to walk away when it is claimed, he was pushed forward by the roundsmen to push him down the street in an opposite direction to which Madden had been going.

Madden objected and tried to explain, but without success. Finally, as he did not move fast enough to the police, one of the officers, he claims, struck him in the face, while the roundsmen applied vile names to him several times.

Finally, after Madden had been forced to the ground, he was taken to the police station. In court this morning in explanation of his conduct the two officers insisted that Madden was disorderly, drew a crowd and refused to go home when ordered to move on.

This evidence Justice Koch had no other alternative than to hold Madden in default of \$100 bail he must go to the island for one month.

Several people who witnessed the arrest of Madden, called upon Justice Hogan, after the case was closed, to demand redress to him the injustice of the young man's arrest and conviction, the Magistrate promptly discharged Madden from custody.

CHURCHGOERS SEE A RAID.

A Chinaman Held for Keeping a Lottery Shop.

Lee Boy, a handsome young Chinaman, attired in silks and satins, was arraigned in the Tombs Court this morning, charged with conducting a lottery shop on the top floor of 235 East street, directly opposite the Church of the Transfiguration. The place was raided last night as the people were coming out of church.

Chinaman, Wing Lee, told the Court this morning that he was the proprietor of the place, and that he kept no policy lottery shop there. He was not at home yesterday when his friend, the prisoner, came to see him, so he knew nothing about the raid.

Lee Boy gave his address as Summit street, New York City Heights. Detective Mitchell swore that he paid him 25 cents for a lottery slip, and he also produced in evidence a bundle containing 200 lottery policy tickets.

The prisoner was held in \$500 for trial at Police Court to-morrow.

NIAGARA HACKMEN WIN.

New York Central Must Give Them All Equal Vary Privileges.

BUFFALO, July 17.—Judge Lambert has granted the injunction asked for by the Niagara Falls hackmen, restraining the New York Central road from giving the exclusive privileges of its yard at the Niagara Falls station to the Miller-Fordney Company.

The Judge decides that all hackmen must be admitted there and have equal privileges.

Use of the action is a State law which provides that a railroad company shall not show any favoritism to any particular class of persons, in the matter of depot-yard privileges.

DR. CHAICE LEPPA DISCHARGED.

Complaint Not Pushed Against Her, Katie Carney or Otto Berger.

Mrs. Kate Lawrence, of 261 West Thirty-ninth street, otherwise known as "Dr. Chaice Leppa," who was arrested at the City Hall station on a charge of performing a criminal operation upon seventeen-year-old Katie Carney, of St. Columbus avenue, and held in \$250 bail, was this morning discharged from custody by Justice Hogan in Yorkville Police Court, no complaint being pushed.

The young girl and her lover, Otto Berger, of St. Columbus avenue, who were also held, were likewise discharged. Berger still lives in the Carney family, and neighbors say he will marry Gertrude.

Two Killed on a Bridge.

WATERBURY, N. Y., July 17.—Last evening a young girl, named Mary, of a boarding-house, and George R. France, a boarder at the same place, were struck and killed by a train on the Rome, Watertown and Albany Railroad, as they were attempting to cross a railroad bridge over the outskirts of this city.

Germany Not to Oppose the Return of Catholic Exiles.

ROME, July 17.—It is stated here by good authority that the German Government has decided to oppose no official opposition will be made in the Reichstag to the adoption of a law allowing the return to Germany of the members of Catholic religious orders.

CLEARING-HOUSE CERTIFICATES CANCELLED.

The Clearing-House Loan Committee this morning cancelled \$400,000 in certificates. The amount outstanding is now \$23,340,000.

IT ANNOYS MR. DAYTON. P. M.

Washington Interference with His Supposed Privileges.

But He Is Glad the Post-Office Is to Be Cleaned.

Postmaster Charles W. Dayton is already beginning to have conflict with the Post-Office Department in Washington.

Mr. Dayton thinks that the Washington people are trying to curtail his powers. The present trouble arises out of the establishing of the new branch post-office in the Industrial Building at Forty-third street and Lexington avenue. This place will be in running order in October, and it will take about 150 clerks to do the work.

Mr. Dayton thinks that he should have something to say about the selection of these clerks. The Washington Department thinks not.

In fact, the Washington Department has ordered the transfer of nearly all the clerks from the old station, No. 1333 Third street, to the new station. This action has caused some inconvenience in New York City, as it will leave Station O to be filled with inexperienced clerks.

Mr. Dayton is in favor of taking a few clerks from each station and making up the clerical force of the new post-office in Washington.

"I have written a protest to the Postmaster General," he says, "but I do not suppose the Washington people will support it."

Architect has decided to clean the Government buildings throughout the country, and that the New York Post-Office would come in for its share of cleaning. It was the intention of the Federal Supervising Architect, and he was at first to have the buildings cleaned by a private contractor.

"However," he declared to "The Evening World" reporter, "it is quite likely that such a thing will be done by the office of the Supervising Architect. We were here last week and made a thorough inspection of the building. I have not heard from them since."

It is said that the practice of overhauling the buildings is not unreasonable, unless the political complexion of the administration is taken into consideration. Mr. Johnson will appeal from Judge Cullen's decision.

REFUSE LEFT TO ROT.

Amsterdam Avenue Residents Complain to the Health Board.

The Health Department was notified this morning of the filthy condition of Amsterdam avenue, between Sixty-fifth street and Sixty-seventh street. Residents of that neighborhood complain that the Health Department does not attend to its duty in removing refuse.

Special Officer Kiernan's Victim in a Serious Condition.

Special Officer Francis Kiernan, of the Olive Tree Inn, 342 East Twenty-third street, who on Sunday evening shot James Gallagher, aged twenty-one, of 291 East Forty-fourth street, in the right arm, is in a serious condition. He was taken to the Yorkville Court this morning by Justice Hogan to await the result of the autopsy.

Dr. Fabricius, of Bellevue Hospital, sent a certificate to the court, stating that the victim was in a serious condition, and unable to appear in court.

8 YEARS 10 MONTHS FOR DAVIS.

He's the Swindler Who Robbed District Messenger Boys.

Charles Davis, alias "Bluekin," who robbed a dozen or more messenger boys before the detectives succeeded in trapping him last month, to-day pleaded guilty to two indictments for grand larceny in the Court of General Sessions.

Recorder Smyth sentenced him to four years and five months' imprisonment on each charge, the second term to begin at the expiration of the first. Davis made a practice of accosting messenger boys in the streets and under the pretence of needing a note, he would rob them of the bundles which they were sent to deliver.

MORE BABIES HAVE A SAIL.

Mrs. Vanderbilt Defrays the Expenses of St. John's Guild Excursion.

Aboard the floating hospital of St. John's Guild, which started out on its fifth trip this season, the first of which was on the 10th inst., were Mrs. Vanderbilt, her daughter, and Mrs. E. C. Davidson, who is the American agent for the London firm, has completed the arrangements for St. Paul.

STALLION MEDDLER ARRIVES.

Other Blooded Horses Brought Over on the Steamer Bovic.

The pick of the stables of the late "Squire" Abington Baird, the great thoroughbred stallion Meddler, arrived on the White Star line steamer Bovic.

The horse is now the property of W. H. Forbes, the owner of the Newport Farm, in Long Island, Mass., who paid \$75,000 for him.

There are also on board the Bovic several other blooded horses, including three foals from the "Squire's" stables. The steamer will arrive in New York to-morrow.

Read Gets a Stay.

Justice Cullen of the Supreme Court, Brooklyn, granted a stay of execution of judgment this morning in the matter of the suit of Edward S. Stokes, of the Hoffman House, against his former partner, Cassius H. Reed, in which the plaintiff was given a judgment for \$500,000. Mr. Reed was required to furnish a bond for \$15,000.

Switchee's Donohue's Case.

NEWBURGH, July 17.—The case of Michael Donohue, the West Shore Switchee arrested on the charge of manslaughter in the second degree in tripping the car, which caused the disaster last week, was called before the Recorder this morning. His examination was set for Thursday morning. Bail was reduced to \$500.

HE DESERTED HIS VENUS.

Contortionist Tatali's Common-Law Wife After Him.

She Was a Yonkers Girl When She Met Him.

Venus Tatali, twenty-one years of age, has begun a search for her missing husband, Luciano Pruno Tatali, a contortionist.

Tatali is a Spaniard, twenty-four years of age, swarthy, slim, agile and good-looking. In conjunction with his wife he has done contortionist and acrobatic feats in various variety theatres and music halls.

Tatali first met her a little over two years ago in Yonkers, and his dashing ways so captivated her that it was an easy matter for him to persuade the susceptible young girl to live with him as his common-law wife. Mrs. Tatali is not quite sure of the date when she first left her home to share the fortunes of the contortionist, but as near as she can approximate it was about the middle of March two years ago.

Tatali, who developed an unreasonable and overbearing temper, and on more than one occasion, she says, beat her.

After appearing with her in various variety theatres, Tatali, who had turned to New York and went to live at 125 West Twenty-ninth street, developed an engagement to play at Schermer Park, Montreal, week before last. Tatali, who was to receive the expense of taking his wife with him was too great, he sent her to her parents at 125 West Twenty-ninth street. Since then she has not seen him.

Tatali, she says, is only her husband's real name. His real name is Luciano Pruno.

Lawyer August Wacker, of 59 Second avenue, has been asked to prepare a warrant for Tatali's arrest for desertion.

MURDERED AND ROBBED.

Roadhouse-keeper of Holden, Mass., Found Dead in a Pasture.

WORCESTER, Mass., July 17.—William Baxter, of Holden, was found murdered in a cow pasture on the Handy farm, between Worcester and Holden, yesterday afternoon. He was last seen alive July 8, and it is supposed that the death was committed some time between the 8th and 10th.

The skull was fractured in two places, the left eye was beaten out, and a hatchet was found fifteen feet from the body, and a long handled axe, which was used in the murder, was found in the pasture. The body was found by a man who was with the murdered man and is held in custody. He claims that he was in Holden, Vt., Saturday, July 8, and did not return to Holden till the following Thursday.

Robbery seems to be the motive of the crime, as the dead man's pockets were turned inside out and his gold watch cannot be found.

STAGE EMPLOYEES ORGANIZE.

National Alliance Meets to Elect Officers and Adopt Bylaws.

The National Alliance of Stage Employees met for organization to-day in the rooms of Lodge No. 2 of the Order of Elks, corner of Twenty-seventh street and Broadway.

John Gallagher, of Pittsburgh, was elected chairman, and William Modest, secretary pro tem, when the body went into executive session.

James Hyman, of New York, reported that, in response to his call for the Convention, there were present representatives from Pittsburgh, Syracuse, Chicago, Cincinnati, Denver, Brooklyn, Kansas City, Philadelphia, and Baltimore.

The Alliance to-day will elect permanent officers and, if possible, adopt a constitution and bylaws.

BROKER DEWEY'S DEATH.

Heart Failure Carries Him Off in the New York Club.

The death of William C. Dewey, the ex-produce broker and well-known member of the New York Club, was announced this morning. He died suddenly of heart failure in his room at the New York Club yesterday.

Mr. Dewey was fifty-eight years old, and leaves two sons, one of whom, Sherman C. Dewey, is a broker at 60 Broadway, and several other children. He had been suffering from heart failure for several years, which necessitated his retirement from active business life.

TWO SMALL FIRES.

Blaze in a Wardrobe and in an Orchard Street Tenement.

A blaze started in the wardrobe on the second floor of 2120 Eighth avenue, occupied by Simon Seligman, at about 1.15 this morning, and did \$300 damage. The cause of the fire was unknown and no alarm was sounded for some time.

A trifling fire broke out about midnight last night in the five-story tenement at 24 Orchard street. The cause of the fire was not known, but it is believed to have been caused by Philip Kasofsky. The origin of the blaze was unknown.

NEW PACIFIC STEAMSHIP LINE.

A London Firm Will Sail Vessels from Seattle to China.

SEATTLE, Wash., July 17.—A letter received by the Chamber of Commerce states that Messrs. Samuel Samuels & Co., of London, will immediately start a line of steamships for the Great North-west, between China and Japan, and Seattle.

F. C. Davidson, who is the American agent for the London firm, has completed the arrangements for the Seattle to Seattle.

Depauw Bequest Have Shrunk.

INDIANAPOLIS, July 17.—Friends of Depauw University at Greencastle are concerned over the institution, owing to the failure of the Depauw bequest to meet expectations. It is said that while the bequest was expected to realize something like \$1,000,000, it will really realize about \$500,000.

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